Bylaws of the ESCMID Study Group for Legionella Infections (ESGLI)

These Bylaws are written rules of conduct of the Study Group, based on the Statutes of the Study Group and in particular Article 5. They set out the form, manner or procedure in which the Study Group is run.

§ 1 Name
ESCMID Study Group for Legionella Infections (ESGLI)

§ 2 Purpose of the Study Group
Legionnaires’ disease (LD) is a mild to severe respiratory infection caused by Gram-negative bacteria belonging to the genus Legionella. The infection is acquired through inhalation of aerosols from sources contaminated with legionellae. More than 60 Legionella species have so far been described. As many different man-made and natural contaminated water systems have been demonstrated as sources of LD cases, highly discriminatory typing methods are essential to establish clonal relatedness between clinical and environmental L. pneumophila strains during epidemiological investigations. DNA sequence-based typing (SBT) and genomics are both used for typing of L. pneumophila isolates. Diagnostic testing of high quality and epidemiological surveillance are key to identifying infection and sources of infection, preventing large scale clusters and impact to travellers.

The objective of ESGLI is to increase knowledge on various aspects of legionella with the ultimate goal of improving diagnostic tools, standardisation, approaches to prevention, treatment and surveillance. In order to obtain these goals, a multidisciplinary approach is necessary and one of the objectives of the ESGLI is to facilitate cooperation between disciplines working on legionella.

§ 3 Membership
No additions to what is stated in the Article 3 of the Study Group Statutes.

§ 4 Assembly of members
All members of the Society shall be entitled to attend the Assembly of Members, which is usually held during ECCMID or at the annual ESGLI meeting. The chair of the Study Group convenes the Assembly of Members by sending electronically the Agenda. The notice period shall be at least six weeks from the day following the dispatch of convocation. Assembly of members can be held online, except for the annual assembly at ECCMID. The Assembly of Members pass resolutions by a simple majority of the members present.

§ 5 Composition of the Executive Committee
The executive power of the Study Group is vested in the Executive Committee, which consists of:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Education Officer
- Science Officer

As stated in article 4 of the Statutes, no more than one elected member of the Executive Committee shall come from the same country.
§ 6 Meetings of the Executive Committee
The Executive Committee passes resolutions with the simple majority of its members present; the Chair has the casting vote. The quorum consists of four voting members.

A secret voting procedure may be requested by the majority of the voting members.

§ 7 Vacancies in the Executive Committee
A member of the Executive Committee may vacate the position by resignation or termination of ESCMID membership. Any vacancy occurring in the Committee will normally be filled at the next scheduled election. If the vacancy cannot be filled with the interim appointment of another member, the Executive Committee may initiate new elections for a new member, to cover the remaining period of the term.

§ 8 Conferences
The Executive Committee decides on the location and timing of the annual ESGLI meeting. The Executive Committee appoints a local organizing team that is in charge of the organisation of this meeting. The local organizing committee is responsible for drafting a budget that needs to be approved by the Executive Committee.

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